# HUGHES' DRASTIC ARMS LIMITATION PROPOSAL COMES LIKE BOMB

# HOLIDAY IS

building and two battleships launched. (Note: Paragraph 1 involves a reduction of fifteen new capital ships under construction, with a total tonnage when completed of 618,000 tons. Total amount of money already spent on fifteen capital ships—\$32,000,000.)
2—The United States to scrap all battleships up to but not including the Delaware and North Dakota.

(Note-The number of oid battleships scrapped under paragraph 2 is fifteen. Their total tonnage is 227,740 tons. The grand total of capital ships to be scrapped is thirty, aggregating \$45,740 tons.)

### Great Britain.

3. Great Britain to stop further construction on the four new Hoods.

(Note-Paragraph 3 involves a reduction of four new capital ships not yet laid down, but upon which money has been spent, with a total tonnage when completed of 172,000 tons.)

4. In addition to the four Hoods, Great Britain to scrap her pre-dreadnaughts, second-line battleships and first-line battles'rips up to. but not including, the King George V class. (Note-Paragraph 4 involves the disposition of nineteen capital ships, certain of which have aiready been scrapped, with a tonnage reduction of 411,375 tons. The grand total tonnage of ships scrapped under this agreement will be 583,375 tons.)

Japan. 5. Japan to abandon her program of ships not yet laid down, viz: The Kii, Owari, Nos. 7 and 8, battleships, and Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8, battle cruisers.

(Note-Paragraph 5 does not involve the stopping of construction on any ship upon which construction has begun.)

six-Japan to scrap three battleships, the Mutsu launched, the Tosa and Kaga, building; and four battle cruisers; the Amagi and Agagi building, and the Atago and Takao, not yet laid down, but for which certain materials has been assembled. Note: (Paragraph 6 involves a re-

duction of 7 capital ships under construction with a total tonnage when completed of 288,100 tons).

Must Scrap Second Line Ships. 7-Japan to scrap all pre-dreadnaughts and capital ships of the second line. This to include the scrap-

ping of all ships up to, but not including, the Settsu. Note: (Paragraph seven involves the scrapping of ten older ships with a total tonnage of 159,828 tons. The grand total reduction of tonnage on vessels existing, laid down, or for which material has been assembled,

### is 448,928 tons). FRANCE AND ITALY.

8—In view of certain extraordinary onditions due to the world war affecting the existing strengths of the havies of France and Italy, the United to be replaced by new construction States does not consider necessary the discussion at this stage of the placement tonnage. tonnage allowance of these nations, but proposes it be reserved for the later consideration of the conference.

OTHER NEW CONSTRUCTION. 9-No other new capital ships shall

be constructed during the period of this agreement except replacement Ionnage, as provided hereinafter.

10-If the terms of this proposal are agreed to, then the United States, Great Britain, and Japan agree that Their navies, three months after the making of this agreement, shall consist of the following capital ships: United States-Maryland, California, Tennessee, Idaho, Mississippi, New Mexico, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Okla-homa, Nevada, Texas, New York, Arkansas, Wyoming, Utah, Florida,

forth Dakota, Delaware. Great Britain - Royal Royal Oak, Resolution, Ramillies, Reenge, Queen Elizabeth, Warspite. Valiant, Barham, Malaya, Benbow Emperor of India, Iron Duke, Marlorough Erin, King George V. Cen-Turion, Ajax, Hood, Renown, Repulse,

Japan-Nagata, Hiuga, Ise, Yama-





### Text of President's Address Opening Arms Conference

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be denied it. If misunderstanding must take the blame, then let us banish it, and let understanding rule and make good will regnant everywhere.

Liberty and Justice.

All of us demand liberty and justice. There cannot be one without the other, and they must be held the unquestioned possession of all peoples. Inherent rights are of God, and the tragedies of the world originate in their attempted denial. The world today is infringing their enjoyment by arming to defend or deny, when simpl sanity calls for their recognition through common understanding. Out of the cataclysm of the world war came new fellowships,

new convictions, new aspirations. It is ours to make the most of them. A wo A world staggering with Humanity which has been shocked wanton destruction would minimize the agencies of that destruction

Contemplating the measureless war and the continuing burden of armament, all thoughtful peoples wish for real limitaof armament and would like war outlawed. flection the world's hundreds of millions who pay in peace and die in war wish their statesmen to tion into means of construction, simed at a higher state for those who live and follow after.

Harbor No Fears.

It is not alone that the world not readjust itself and cast aside the excess burdens without relief from the leaders War has grown progressively cruel and more destructive from first recorded conflict to this pregnant day, and the reverse would more become our

boasted civilization. Gentlemen of the conference, the United States welcomes you with unselfish hands. We harbor no fears; we have no sordid ends to serve; we suspect no enemy; we contemplate or apprehend no conquest. Content with what we seek nothing which is We only wish to another's. with you that finer, nobler thing

which no nation can do alone. We wish to sit with you at the table of international understanding and good will. In good conscience we are eager to frankly, and invite and offer co-operation. The world demands a sober contemplation of the existing order and the realization that there can be no cure without sacrifice, not by one of us, but by

I do not mean surrendered rights,

una, Hiyei, Mongo. Total—United States, 18; Great Britain, 22; Japan, 10. Total tonnage-United States, 500,-560; Great Britain, 604,450; Japan,

Nations would be expected to nish information concerning: 1-The names of the capital ships

2-The date of authorization of re-3-The dates of laying the keels of

replacement tonnage. 4-The displacement each new ship to be laid down.

5-The actual date of completion of each new ship. 6-The fact and date of the scrap-

ping of ships replaced.
(g)—No fabricated parts of capital ships, including parts of hulls, engines and ordnance, shall be constructed previous to the date of au horization of replacement tonnage. A list of such parts will be furnished all powers party to this agreement. (h)-In case of the loss or accidenta destruction of capital ships, they may be replaced by new capital ship construction in corformity with the fore going rules.

11-Capital ships shall be disposed of in accordance with methods to be agreed upon.

### Replacements.

12-(a) The tonnage basis for capital ship replacement under this proposa o be as follows:

United States, 500,000; Great Britain., 500,000 tons; Japan, 300,000 tons. (b) Capital ships twenty years from date of completion may be replaced by new capital ship construction, but the keels of such new construction shall not be laid until the tonnage which it is to replace is seventeen years of age from date of completion. Provided, however that the first replacement tonnage not be laid down until ten years from the date of the signing

of this agreement. (c) The scrapping of capital ships replaced by new construction shall be undertaken not later than the date completion of the new construction, and shall be completed within three months of the date of com pletion of new construction; or if the date of completion of new construc tion be delayed, then within four years of the laying of the keels of

such new construction. No Ships of 35,000 Tons. (d) No capital ships shall be laid down during the term of this agreetonnage displacement ment

exceeds 35,000 tons. (e) The same rules for determin ing tonnage of capital ships shall apply to the ships of each of the powers party to this agreement. (f) Each of the powers party to this agreement agrees to inform promptly all of the other powers party to

Auxiliary Combatant Craft. 13-Divided into three classes: Wal Auxiliary surface combatant

(b) Submarines '(c) Airplane carriers and aircraft. "14-The term auxiliary surface combatant craft includes cruisers (exclu ive of battle cruisers), flotilla leaders lestroyers, and all other surface types except those specifically exempted in

the following paragraph surface craft as specified in paragraph third quarter on account of the seats of the president of the president of the seats of the left of the president of the seats to the left of the presiding officer, with those from Belgium. Netherlands, Portugal, and

aspirations, or ignored national necessities. Our republic would necessities. no more ask for these than it would give. No pride need be humbled, no nationality submerged, but I would have a mergence of minds committing all of us to less preparation for war and more

enjoyment of fortunate peace.
The higher hopes come of the spirit of our coming together. is but just to recognize varying needs and peculiar positions. Nothing can be accomplished in of national apprehendisregard Rather, we should act together to remove the causes of apprehensions. This is not to be done in intrigue. Greater assurance is found in the exchanges of simple honesty and directness, among men resolved to accomplish as becomes leaders among nations, when civilization itself has come to

its crucial test. Economic Reasons.

It is not to be challenged that government fails when the excess of its cost robs the people of the happiness and the opportunity to achieve. If the finer sentiments were not urging, the cold, hard facts of excessive cost and the eloquence of economics would urge us to reduce our armaments. If the concept of a better order does not appeal, then let us ponder the burden and the blight of continued competition.

is not to be denied that the world has swung along throughout the ages without heeding this call from the kindlier hearts of men. But the same world never before was so tragically brought to realization of the utter futility of passion's sway when reason and con-science and fellowship point a

Free From Guile.

I can speak officially only for our United States. Our hundred millions frankly want less of armament and none of war. Wholly free from guile, sure in our own minds that we harbor no unworthy designs, we accredit the world with the same not alone in good will and high purpose, but with high faith.

We are met for a service to mankind. In all simplicity, in all honesty and all horor, there may be written here the avowals of a world conscience refined by the consuming fires of war, and made more sensitive by the anxious aftermath. hope for that understanding which will emphasize the guarantees of peace, and for commitments to less burdens and a better order which will tranquilize the world. In such an accomplishment there will be added glory to your flags and ours, and the rejoicing of mankind will make the transcending music of all succeeding time.

shiro, Fu-So, Settsu, Kirishima, Har-lible from merchant vessels are exempt from the terms of this agreement "16-No new auxiliary combatant raft may be built exempt from this agreement regarding limitation naval armaments that exceed 3,000 nate traffic jam which marred Artons displacement and 15 knots speed, mistice Day in Washington.

Total Tonnage Named.

and destroyers allowed each power shall be as follows:

United States, 450,000 tons; Great

"Provided, however that no power tonnage in auxilary surface combatant craft on November 11, 1921, exeeds the prescribed tonnage shall be required to scrap such excess tonage until replacements begin, at which time the total tonnage of auxiliary combatant craft for each naion shall be reduced to the prescribed allowance as herein stated.

Limitation of new construction. "18-All auxiliary surface combatant craft whose keels have been laid can contemplate with complacency. down by November 11, 1921, may be arried to completion.

'No new construction in auxiliary surface combatant craft except replacement tonnage. '19-Auxiliary surface combatant

raft shall be scrapped in accordance

with methods to be agreed upon.

(B) Submarines. "20-It is proposed that the total

onnage of submarines allowed each power shall be as follows: United States, 90,000 tons; Great Britain, 90,-000 tons: Japan, 54,000 tons. Provided, no party to this agreeowance.

"21-(a) All submarine keels laid lown by November 11, 1921, may be ise to reprimand those responsible beompleted. No new submarine tonage except replacement tonnage shall be laid down during the period of this agreement except to bring tonnage to allowance limits.

### 22—(Aircraft.)

"23-It is proposed that the total onnage of airplane carriers allowed ach power shall be as follows: United States, 80,000 tons; Great Britain, 80,-00 tons; Japan, 48,000 tons.

"Provided, no power party to this agreement whose total tonnage in airplane carriers on November 11, 1921, xceeds the prescribed tonnage shall e required to scrap such excess tonnage until replacements begin, at which time the total tonnage of airlane carriers for each nation shall be reduced to the prescribed allowance as herein stated."

### Robbed Beside Police Station.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.-Five bandits esterday held up a saloon next loor to a police station, where thirty policemen were on duty, took \$10,000 in diamonds and cash from the occupants of the saloon, and a revolver and star from William Byrnes, a uniformed policeman.

### Professor Dies at Game.

GREENVILLE, S. C., Nov. 12 .yesterday was called off during the handled since he assumed director of State Opera House.

World Debt Boosted 10 JAPAN IS WELL
Times by War, Harding Tells Delegates

By International News Service. President Harding in opening the conference for limitation of armaments today stressed the heavy financial burden which war and warlike preparations have placed upon the peoples of the

World national debts are now nearly ten times as much as at the beginning of the world war

Considering all moneys at par value, the aggregate national ebts of the world increased from \$43,000,000,000 in 1913 to approximately \$400,000,000,000 at the

The interest charges on these national debts aggregate about \$15,000,000,000 annually.

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sort of a semblance of order. Inspector Cross and Captain Head-

cause they differed on the method of places in the program of the confer relieving the strain. The argument will surmount in intensity the interest was stopped when a prominent offi of any other power. It is thought by cial told Captain Headley that he diplomatic observers in Washington seemed to be the only policeman pres that if these grave issues are brought ent who had any idea of traffic. was reported this morning in front vent the issues being considered, where the delegates to the armament conference met.

department protesting the fact that matters is foreseen by observers have the crowds were jammed back of a June View "Problems" as Settled. solid phalanx of motor cars opposite the building and were unable to see the delegates when they arrived.

Senators Indignant. ceremonies yesterday has risen to so high a pitch among the Senators that

whole affair is likely. "I am so mad and so disgusted with his feelings today. Others who were caught in the traffic jam on Long Bridge were equally emphatic.

Several Senators got in touch with the District Commissioners today to a true prophecy. Japan, it is dis- or any nation represented, concern ascertain why the police arrangements cernible from the actions and state- ing the urgent need of economic vere so bad and others protested in vigorous fashion to Secretary of War Weeks. There is no doubt that President Harding will be called upon to mete out proper punishment to those of who were responsible for the unfortu-

mother of Senator Frederick Hale of Maine became ill during the "17-It is proposed that the total progress of the ceremonies in the onnage of cruisers, flotilla leaders Arlington Amphiheaer. Through ex- ton today by a member of the French cessive army red tape she was not delegation permitted to get to her automobile so that she could ride home. The proffer conference he had never seen one used by the newspapermen, who inations. party to this agreement whose total made the trip homeward on the running board of the secret service car. This was only one of a score of incidents sharply reflecting upon the War Department's management of the Jewels.

Clashes at Arlington.

Several Senators stated today that the effect of the fiasco upon foreign delegations and visitors must have been "one which no Washingtonian The traffic collapse on long bridge was followed by further mismanagement and arbitrariness at the gates of the ceremonies. Former Premier Viviani, of the French delegation, had a long verbal fight with an army officer before he was allowed to enter the amphitheater. Secretary of the Interior Fall almost had to threaten physical violence, before he could get by this same lieutenant. A number of Senators and Congressmen were similarly treated.

Feeling on Capitol Hill runs so high that a resolution calling for an inment whose total tonnage in sub-marines on November 11, 1921, ex- day. Senator Wadsworth, chairman of hall be reduced to the prescribed all yesterday. Friends of the army, howdent Harding will intervene and promunder way.

### President Delayed.

President Harding and his party were caught in the jam also, and it was only through strenuous efforts on the part of Inspector Grant, chief of detectives, and twelve headquarters PUPIL OF GARFIELD BURIED detectives that he was able to reach the cemetery several minutes after he. IN COFFIN HE MADE HIMSELF was scheduled to arrive.

President Harding's party were first caught in the blockade just and Printing. The detectives cleared the way so that the party went over the terrace and rode along near the wall of the building. When near the bathing beach another jam was encountered and the detectives led cently. the way through the grass, leaving When the party ar-President's party zigzagged across sometimes on the roadway and sometimes on the foot path. On the Virginia side the detectives forced other machines off the road-

reached the cemetary gates. services. The gathering yesterday was the

# PREPARED FOR

Nipponese Will Be Most Vitally Concerned Nation at Horseshoe Table.

By WEBSTER K. NOLAN. International News Service.

Japan enters the arms conference oday prepared. Japanese have been at work onger than any other delegation to the end that they might be pre-pared. Every question affecting Japanese interests, in the islands or on the mainland of Asia, has been thoroughly threshed out by a staff of experts and technical adviser umbering more than 125. The Japanese are perhaps more

the conference, to be determined probably today or Monday, more than any other phase of the im-mediate gathering. The heads of the Nipponese delegation have re-peatedly stated that Japan is willing to discuss any issue that the conference may bring up. This has been in contradiction of Japan's original attitude upon President Harding's invitation to attend a Pacific conference.

Jap Interest Seen Intense. In Shantung privince problems the Island of Yap issue, the question ley are reported to have had a word of Pacific mandates, and the Sitattle in the midst of the jam, be- berian puzzle are definitely given ence, Japan's interest in the conference up at the conference Japan will bring Inadequate handling of traffic also all her batteries to bear to either proof the Pan-American Union building on the other hand, take the lead in the discussion of them. That the Japa delegates will try to guide the Several persons called up the police trend of discussion upon Far Easte n Japs View "Problems" as Settled.

On the four vital questions involving Japanese interests, the convening finds Japan holding that the Shan-Indignation over the War Depart- tung province problems should be ment's management of the Arlington settled between China and Japan without foreign interference; that the Yap issue was definitely settled by the high a pitch among the Senators that supreme tribunal at Paris; that the a Congressional investigation of the question of Pacific mandates likewise is a settled issue, and that the Siberian puzzle is beyond the jurisdic-

Baron Admiral Tomasaburo Kato, each other. that Japan will not refuse to dismay choose to bring up, will prove ments of her delegates here, has no desire to irritate the powers that gather around the great horseshoe table today.

### CAPITAL MORE BEAUTIFUL

"More beautiful even than Paris. was the compliment paid to Washing-

He said that even during the peace Britain, 450,000 tons; Japan, 270,000 of one of the motors belonging to thing in the French capital equaling President Harding's party was made, the decorations and the night illum-He was particularly struck by the

ruby lights shining through clouds of clouds on the pillars of the Arch of

### HUNTER DIES OF FREEZING

AFTER RESCUE FROM WOODS UTICA, N. Y., Nov. 12.-His legs frozen to the knees as the result of two days' exposure to the winter cold in the woods north of Forest port, Charles Turner, 47 years old, of Fayette, died in a Utica hospital to-Blood transfusion, resorted to in a desperate effort to save his life,

Turner had gone into the woods Fuesday to hunt and took the wrong trail and became lost. He was found later by a hunter who also had lost his way

### STRIKE IN ROME ENDED BY GOVERNMENT ORDER

ROME, Nov. 12.-The general strike marines on November 11, 1921, ex-ceeds the prescribed tonnage shall be the Military Affairs Committee, would between Communists and Fascisti, equired to scrap such excess tonnage not commit himself regarding this resulting in death of five persons and until replacements begin, when total course of action today, but attempted wounding of more than a hundred. submarine tonnage for each nation no defense of the army's management ended today in compliance with a hall be reduced to the prescribed at yesterday. Friends of the army, how Government proclamation ordering ver, in both branches hope that Presi- resumption of work on all public utilities.

Thousands of Fascisti who have fore any Congressional probe gets been in Rome for more than a week. returning to their home districts oday. In the latest clash, one Communist was killed and several others. including two deputies, wounded Officials believed normal condition would prevail by tonight.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 12 .- After reposing in a barn for seven years, a north of the Bureau of Engraving white cedar coffin, which was fash- crowd white cedar coffin, which was fash-crowd gathered in loned by his own hands and shown to street, held back by many of his friends who visited him guns, to see the mighty enter. in his declining years, was used to bury David Myers, who died here rewithout the building Secret Service Myers, who was eighty-eight, was

once a student in the district schools the readway. When the party ar once a student in the district schools rived on the bridge the detectives of Ohio under President Garfield, shoved cars right and left and the when the statesman was an educator.

### PATIERA BARRED FROM PLAYING IN GERMAN

BERLIN, Nov. 11.-Tino Patiera. way and into ditches until they the Dresden tenor, who is in America, seph" coated lords of the Diplomatic The Presidential party commended Inspectoday was expelled by vote from Corps. tor Grant and his men today for their the German stage associations and spectacle. They laughed and chatted, fined 500,000 marks because he did the drizzly day The Erksine-Newberry football game first big aggair Major Gessford had not fulfill a contract with the Vienna

sweepers and vessels readily convert- who dropped dead on the side lines, ficient policemen at the bridge of the many or Austria for two years.

## Conference Close-Ups CHINESE PARLE

The floor gallery in the north side is occupied by American news

paper men, only a hundred of the thousand or more in the city being

accommodated today. Foreign news-

paper men occupy the same relative

Myriad speculations concerning the

volving an ultimate expansion of the

agenda, flood the observer's mind,

Little is known today, but this story

conies, while the third accommodates

There are four small balcony boxes.

whose colorful costume lends bright-

All is very quiet and business like.

Three-fourths of the nations of the

world war are not represented here.

And yet, organized powers and

dominant civilization are so com-

pletely represented here that the de-

cisions of this conference must vitally

effect the lives of every human

Veteran's Valor Extolled, But

Nature of Crime Brings

99-Year Sentence.

of his plea for mercy, George Bryant,

a young man of Fordyce, Ark., yester-

day was sentenced to ninety-nine

years in the penitentiary when he

leaded guilty to a charge of murder.

Bryant was charged with the mur

Knox, District Attorney

der of Tom Wilson in Benton county.

stated that by agreement between the

prosecution and the defense the young

man would plead guilty and accept a

prison, if the agreement met with the

Bryant's heroic record during the

in regard to his character and review-

Mr. Mitchell recited the young

man's army record, showing that on

the battle fields of France he was one

tered the army as a volunteer, and in

ed the killing of Wilson.

sentence of ninety-nine years

The district attorney spoke

ASHLAND, Miss., Nov. 12.-With a

reature on the whirling globe.

which will tranquilize the world."

Most of them are small, but they in-

visiting delegations.

space on the south floor side. Ther

possibilities of the conference,

promises rapidly to unfold.

of the American Revolution.

and missions of various nations are seated in gilt chairs on the main floor in a semi-circle around the parley table. CONTINENTAL MEMORIAL HALL, Nov. 12.—Promptly at 10:30 o'clock today this little hall became the focal center of civilization.

Hundreds of millions of hearts beat aster wherever the printed word car meaning as the news is flashed that the foremost statesmen of nine great powers are seated here to plot ways and means of curbing the anciare many Jap journalists and they are incessantly scribbling notes. ent and hideous business of war.

Within ten paces of the seat where these lines are being written, the President of the United States sits surrounded by the leaders of political hought and governmental action in Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan Belgium, Netherlands, Portgual, and

With arms extended in hospitable wel come, our tall and dignified Chief Executive is in the act of explaining the purposes and aspirations of this epochal gathering, eloquently pleading for a safer and happier day for mankind, and he assures these men that America has no silfish aim to serve, seeks no advantage over her neighbors of the seven seas, and desires only common relief from hates, wastes, and horrors of "armed warfare."

Yet, this is not a "peace conference. It is not a "disarmament conference." We do not know today what it may portend, beyond the officially and nounced agenda which formally specifies discussions of "limitation of armament" and "Pacific and Far Eastern questions."

Those who sit here intently watch the effect of the President's words upon the facts of the Japanese delegates—inscruitable, what Americans call "poker faces." Is it true that the questions which lie between America and Nippon are seeds of war, and that the danger is imminent if understand ing is not reached? Are these white and yellow men at this green table using this occasion to forestall conclude Russia, with 180,000,000 popula-tion: Germany, with 68,000,000-Hungary, with 21,000,000; Austria. with 10,000,000; and all of South Amerflict? Will they succeed?

We who observe look into the faces of the delegates from Great Britain, ica, Central America, and Mexico. headed by the aged but hale Balfour, at home familiarly called "Boss," because he is a power behind the throne, and wonder what the possibilities and limitations are for a discontinuance of the Anglo lapanese alliance, the tie which binds our English cousins to the Japs, known to be a fundamental point at issue here. Balfour is a genial old man. He

pudding, a glowing hearth and good cheer. No cloud of worry seems ever to cross his placid brow. the way that affair was botched that I can't trust myself to talk about it," that the statements of Ambassador was the way one Senator expressed Shidehara. Prince Tokugawa and the statement of the cold diplomacy. He and our There is no diplomatic mask on America, France, England, or Japan

reminds you of a Dickens character

in the atmosphere of steaming plum

Balfour expresses it as a "sort of rut," out of which the world must be pushed. World war debts have all but prostrated Europe and everywhere, our countrymen the least, citizens THAN PARIS, SAYS DELEGATE are bitterly denouncing lean earnings staggering expenses. The end service record—gassed and s of war taxes nowhere can be foreed at Belleau Wood-as the basis action by cast. There must be governments that would endure. This phase of the conference busimove rapidly, though

retrenchment in the war business

Myriad speculations concerning the possibilities of this conference, involving an ultimate expansion the agenda, flood the mind. Little is known today, but the story promises rapidly to unfold.

weighty problems are involved.

This opening session presents a bril liant scene. Only 1.300 people can be approval of the court. accommodated in this hall, which is The district attorn the home of the D. A. R. The color scheme consists of a foreground of great war, had nothing severe to say grass-green carpeting and a back ground of high white walls. The decorations are palms and masses of autumn leaves on cut branches. The flags of nine participating powers and the banners of our forty-eight States of the bravest of the brave. He enemblazon the walls. Magnificent portraits of Martha and George Wash- the battle of Belleau Wood was gassed ington face the delegates from the and shell-shocked. He had a long west wall. There are no garlands, no cut flowers.

President Harding sits at the center head of the big conference table, flank lerwood. The chair he occupies is ar exact replica of the chair used by the Continental Congress at the time the Declaration of Independence was signed. This will be the chair of the chairman of this conference.

To the right sits Briand and his associates from France. Seven times has this remarkable Socialist served as premier of France, always resigning, never accepting defeat. He is calm today. He will have much that is vital to say during the coming weeks.

Admiral Baron Tomasaburo Kato, slight of figure, Prince Iyesato Tokugawa, large and rotund; and Baron Shidehara, the genteel Japanese am bassador, and their expert assistants sit beyond the French. All Washington would have paid

football scalper prices for tickets of

admission, but only a few of the

choicest elect could be admitted. In spite of drizzling rain a curious regulars with In every shady nook within and

Woman plays her part here today but no lady may compare in haughty the gold braided raiment epauletted, belted, buttoned, feather cockaded, medalled male upon diplomacy. fact, the sprinkling of women in the balcony and boxes seemed almost drab when compared with the "Jo-Women were enjoying the but the average man was as sober as

men eyed the folks.

The British and Italian delegations

Nation's Aims Menaced by Conflict of Authority and

Dissension.

By HARRY L. ROGERS.

International News Service. With her fate in the balance China's delegation entered the conference here today with dissension in its ranks, unable to agree upon This opening session presents a brilliant scene, Only 1,300 people can be seated in this hall, which is the headquarters of the Daughters Not only is the so-called Republic of the American People in the American Republic

Not only is the so-called Republic of South China unrepresented, but A distinguished audience of private the North China representatives citizens and high executive officers making up the delegation are dioccupies the rear of the main floor, vided among themselves, and the The members of the Senate and delegation is without a responsible House, numbering about five hun-head with authority to direct its dred, sit en bloc in two of the bal- policies.

the members of the United States turn today when it became known Supreme Court and of the Diplomatic that Dr. Alfred Sze, Chinese min-Corps. Mr. Taft leads the sober ister to the United States, and one Many diplomats are in of the three senior delegates, has gorgeous dress befitting the occasion. dispatched an emissary to Peking with detailed instructions and private code for communicating with One is reserved for Mrs. Harding, Sze. While those in the secret are

This situation took an important

ness to the scene. The other boxes naturally reluctant to comment ofare reserved for use by American and ficially upon this mission. understood that the agent of Dr. Sze will attempt to induce the Peking government to designate one of the There is no daylight in this hall and senior delegates as head of the four immense suspended chandeliers delegation, with authority to make flood the place with their white rays. decisions after hearing the views

other members. If this can be accomplished the internal friction now said to be thwarting the development of a definite and comprehensive program for China will be removed, it is believed, and the delegation will then be in a position to serve the best interests of the Chinese republic As now constituted, the delegation

consists of Dr. Alfred Sze, Dr. Wel-

lington Koo, and Dr. Wong Chung-

Wei, all having equal rank and au-

thority. Natural differences of opin

ion as to details of China's policy have

cess, in the stirring words of the Presbeen aggravated, it is stated, by pc. dent today, means "A better order sonal differences, particularly be tween Dr. Sze and Dr. Koo, and the situation has reached such a pass that all are apparently agreed something must be done to break the deadlock. All three of the delegates have ex cellent records for public service, and each naturally has his coterie of adherents within the delegation, but it is believed that a word from Peking will be sufficient to cause them to sink minor differences in the general in-

# **Today**

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with the metal lugs, and make good profit hauling double loads.

The most encouraging word about better times comes from Lloyd George. He tells his people what he really believes. "The force of the bad times cyclone is spent," says he.

He thinks a revival is coming

and "in every land the slackness that seems to overcome labor is passing away.' How quickly things would improve if human beings would show even mild intelligence. Suppose, for instance, this nation could invest in national improvements, in giving employment. Ore than

two thousand million millars that

will be spent keeping ready for

war in the next year. How much

would that do, what canals and

roads could be built, what deserts

irrigated, what swamps drained

### how many millions of acres added to the public domain and given to hospital experience those willing to develop them SPECIAL RADIOGRAM **SERVICE**

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